AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 19, paragraph 79, please substitute the following paragraph with the amended changes.

Hypotubes, apertures and windows suitable for use in an OGW embodying features of the invention are disclosed in co-pending, co-owned application entitled "Optical Guidewires Having Windows or Apertures," to Jalisi et al., filed concurrently herewith, Ser. No. [[XXX]] 10/024,986, hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Methods for forming windows suitable for use in an OGW embodying features of the invention are disclosed in co-pending, co-owned application entitled "Methods for Forming an Optical Window for an Intracorporeal Device and for Joining Parts," to Webler et al., Ser. No. [[YYY]] 10/025,334, filed concurrently herewith, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.